GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
ANNAWARI REPORT
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the `Annawari Report` regarding assessment of damage caused to crops;

(b) if so, the year in which `Annawari Report` was implemented;

(c) whether the norms adopted in this report have become outdated;

(d) if so, whether any scheme to review the said report is under consideration of the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.251 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14.03.2001.

(a) to (e): Prior to the introduction of scientifically designed random sample surveys, the crop production statistics were used to be built following the Annawari or traditional system, as a part of land revenue system, adopted in various States. Under this method, the yield per hectare was obtained by an eye appraisal or as the product of normal yield and the condition factors. The condition factor is an estimate of the crop yield in a given season in relation to normal yield and is usually fixed in terms of annas, the old system of coins. Since this system had subjectivity of determining condition factors, the reliability of statistics was considered to be low. Therefore, most of the States have now replaced the traditional official method of estimation of crop yields for major crops by the method of scientifically devised random sampling crop cutting surveys.